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Dear Examiner O'Sullivan:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation on January 2, 2006, enclosed please find the signed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, for the present application. As we discussed, Applicants did not receive a Notice of Missing Requirements from the USPTO. If fees are applicable for the submission of the formal documents, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

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